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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PFOR, LY, EG
SUBJECT: ATTACK ON LIBYAN CONSULATE

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0261

1. THIS MORNING WHEN IN GENERAL CONVERSATION WITH JUNIOR BUT RESPONSIBLE CONSULATE GENERAL LOCAL I MENTIONED LIBYAN SITUATION. HE INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD BEEN IN FRIEND'S APARTMENT ACROSS THE STREET FROM LIBYAN CONSULATE WHEN ATTACK OCCURRED.
2. ACCORDING TO HIM, HIS ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO SCENE ABOUT 1330 WHEN HE HEARD FRACUS ACROSS STREET AND LOOKED OUT TO SEE CROWD OF ABOUT 100-120 ENGAGED IN FREE FOR ALL WITH WHAT HE PRESUMED TO BE LIBYAN EMPLOYEES IN CONSULATE YARD. DURING THIS TIME NORMAL EGYPTIAN GUARDS (3 OR 4) WERE ON DUTY IN FRONT OF CONSULATE BUT DOING NOTHING TO AID EITHER SIDE, A POLICE VEHICLE WITH FOUR MEN WAS PARKED DOWN THE STREET DOING THE SAME AND SMOKE WAS BEGINNING TO COME OUT OF THE CONSULATE UPPER FLOOR.

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3. A FEW MINUTES LATER WHEN FIRE WAS WELL UNDER WAY, A NUMBER OF POLICE AND FIRE VEHICLES CAME ROARING DOWN THE STREET - LUMUMBAR STREET AND TOOK CONTROL - OF COURSE TOO LATE TO PROTECT LIBYANS OR STOP FIRE BEFORE IT BECAME SERIOUS.

4. EMPLOYEE GLEEFULLY DESCRIBED ABOVE WITH GREAT RELISH. HE

CLAIMS NOT TO HAVE HEARD ANY SHOTS FIRED BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THEY
COULD HAVE BEEN FIRED BEFORE HE AND FRIENDS WERE ATTRACTED TO
INCIDENT. EMPLOYEE IS NOT ONE WHO WOULD BE PRONE TO HAVE
MADE STORY UP.

5. OTHERWISE, I PASSED CONSULATE LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING
AND THERE IS NO SIGN OF ACTIVITY EXCEPT FOR POLICE GUARD.
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